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*A Grimm Tale*

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# *Little Red Riding Hood*



nce upon a time there lived a girl  
who was called “Red Riding Hood”  
because of the bright red cloak she

always wore. One day her mother said, “Red Riding  
Hood, your grandmother has not been feeling  
well. Take this basket of food to her, and  
remember—the woods can be dangerous.  
Do not speak to strangers.”



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Red Riding Hood promised and set off for Grandmother's house. She had not gone far when suddenly a voice behind her said, "What brings such a bright girl to the woods today all alone?" Red Riding Hood turned around, and there was a wolf! But because she had never met a wolf before, Red Riding Hood was not afraid.

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“I am taking a basket to my grandmother,” she said. “She hasn’t been feeling well. We have such a good time when I visit; I’m hoping to make her feel better.” The wolf nodded. “And Grandmother’s house—where is that?” he asked. “Why, it’s only a little way ahead,” she said, pointing. “Up around the bend and through the meadow.”



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Too late Red Riding Hood remembered her mother's warning. "Goodbye," she said. "Goodbye," said the Wolf. When Red Riding Hood was out of sight, he ran through the woods to Grandmother's house. He knocked on the door and a voice inside called, "Is that you, Red Riding Hood? Come in, my dear. The latchstring's out."

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The Wolf entered quickly and rushed to Grandmother's bed. He snatched her up and pushed her into the closet. Then he put on her robe and kerchief and jumped into the bed.



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Just then Red Riding Hood arrived at the cottage. She knocked on the door and called, "Grandmother, it's me, Red Riding Hood." "Come in, my dear, the latchstring's out," said the Wolf in his best Grandmother voice. Red Riding Hood pulled the latchstring and entered the dark room.

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“Why Grandmother,” she said, “you don’t look well at all. What big eyes you have! Let me get you a warm wet cloth. “All the better to see you with, my dear,” said the Wolf as she put the warm cloth over his eyes.



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“Oh, Grandmother, what big ears you have!”  
Red Riding Hood exclaimed. “They must be  
swollen with fever.” She put her small hands on  
the Wolf’s ears. “All the better to hear your sweet  
voice,” he replied.

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“Dear Grandmother,” Red Riding Hood said, “what big teeth you have! I believe you have been alone in your cottage for too long with nothing good to eat.”

“All the better to eat you with,” said the Wolf. He licked his lips as Red Riding Hood turned to open her basket. At that moment Grandmother, who had finally recovered her senses, pushed open the closet door.



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“Grandmother!” Red Riding Hood exclaimed. She ran to her grandmother and hugged her. Grandmother held her close and said, “Leave us alone, Wolf.” The Wolf looked at the old woman and the young girl as they held each other tight. He thought about the warm wet cloth that Red Riding Hood had placed on his eyes, and how kind she had been when she thought he was Grandmother. Suddenly the Wolf didn’t feel hungry anymore. He felt bad for what he had done.

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The Wolf ran from the house in shame, and never threatened another human again.



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*THE END*





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